THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Cooperation is a State subjects and hence amendment of Cooperative Laws comes under the jurisdiction and purview of the respective State Governments. However, Government of India in the Planning Commission appointed a Committee to draft a Model Cooperative Act. The Model Cooperative Act, as recommended by the Committee, has been forwarded to all the State Governments for their consideration. The Model Act envisages *inter-alia*, democratic functioning of the cooperatives which is one of the Cooperative Principles.

Warehouses

4109. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI K. K. VEERAPPAN:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of warehouses owned by the Central Warehousing Corporation and those hired; the total cost on hire and the details of private warehouse owners including rates per square feet given to them;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are many parties ready to lower rates for the storage, but have been denied and a few favoured have been given the job at higher rates; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to investigate the matter and assess the personal property of M.D. of the Central Warehousing Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) As on 1.2.1992, the total number of warehouses with Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), both owned and hired, were 494. The rent paid by CWC on hired warehouses during 1991-92 (upto 29-2-92) was Rs. 8.47 Crores (Provisional). The details of the godowns hired from various parties during the same period are given in the statement annexed. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 85.

(b) The rents of the godowns hired by CWC vary from place to place and from time to time. Even at the same place, the rents depend on various factors such as location of the godowns, type of construction, nearness to the market, demand and supply at a given time etc. All relevant aspects are thus taken into consideration by CWC while hiring any particular godown.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Global Tenders for Import of Wheat

4110. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to issue global tenders for purchasing wheat in the wake of rejection by United States of America to supply wheat with subsidy; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to tap the major wheat producing nations so as to get an idea of the the prices to be shelled out for the imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Government have invited open global tenders for import of wheat. It is expected that intending suppliers, including those in major wheat producing countries, would give their offers.

Import of Wheat

4111. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI B. L. PANWAR:
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S. has informed India that it will not allow subsidised sales of wheat to India;

(b) if so, what reasons have been given therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to import wheat from Canada or Argentina?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The Government of U.S.A. have regretted their inability to supply wheat to India under their Export Enhancement Programme as, according to them, this programme is a trade policy tool intended to counter their competitors' subsidised exports in target markets, and eligibility requirements are therefore quite rigorous.

(c) Government have invited open global tenders for import of wheat.

चीनी का आवंटन

4112. **श्री लक्खी राम अग्रवाल** : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1992-93 के लिये प्रति माह चीनी का कितना कोटा निर्धारित किया गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह आवंटन खपत तथा जनसंख्या के आधार पर किया जाता है और क्या इस संबंध में कोई नीति निर्धारित किये जाने की योजना है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) वर्ष 1991-92 के चालू मौसम (अक्तूबर-सितंबर) के दौरान लेवी चीनी का प्रतिमास 3.5 लाख टन का कोटा रिलीज किया जा रहा है जिसमें अगस्त, 1991 में मंजूर की गई 5 प्रतिशत की तदर्थ वृद्धि भी शामिल है। चीनी वर्ष 1992-93 (अक्तूबर-सितम्बर) के लिये लेवी चीनी कोटे के बारे में उपयुक्त समय पर निर्णय ले लिया जायेगा।

(ख) और (ग) इस समय अधिकतर राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों को मासिक लेवी चीनी का आबंटन 1-10-86 को प्रक्षिप्त जनसंख्या के लिये प्रति व्यक्ति न्यूनतम 425 ग्राम मासिक चीनी की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करने के समान मानदंडों के आधार पर किया जाता है। अगस्त, 1991 से सभी राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों को लेवी चीनी के मासिक आबंटन में 5 प्रतिशत की तदर्थ वृद्धि की अनुमति दी गई है। इसके अतिरिक्त, सरकार प्रत्येक वर्ष सभी राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों को, उनके मासिक लेवी कोटे के समानुपात में लगभग 1 लाख टन के त्यौहार कोटे का आवंटन भी करती है।

Import of Wheat

4113. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to refer to a report in the Financial Express (Bombay) of 19th February, 1992 under the heading "Wheat crisis to worsen" and state:

(a) the quantity of wheat Government have so far imported and from which countries;

(b) whether USA have raised any doubts about Government's intentions to import wheat and if so, what are the reasons for doubts by USA;

(c) whether there is likely to be a shortfall of four million tonnes in coarse grain production in the Kharif season; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No wheat has so far been imported during 1991-92 (upto 26-3-1992).

(b) Government is not aware of any such doubts having been expressed by U.S. authorities.